



## Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

**WEST ORANGE** — The Essex County 4-H Club offers a wide array of clubs, groups, and entertainment. It takes place at the South Mountain Arena through July 18. Call (973) 268-3631 for time and information.

**NEW YORK** — The Museum of the City of New York hosts a discussion on the life of actor-activist Paul Robeson. Call (212) 534-1672 for time and information.

**NEWARK** — The Newark Museum hosts "It's a Summer Reading Challenge" program at the library's Children's Room. Call (973) 739-7798 for time and information.

**CRAFORD** — Union County College will hold registration for the fall semester. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 7503.

**JERSEY CITY** — The Women's Center of New Jersey City University (Urban) hosts a discussion on violence against women. 12 p.m. (201) 200-2426.

**HIGHLAND PARK** — The Monmouth County Park System hosts a golf clinic at the Highland Park Golf Course through July 17. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (732) 642-4000.

**THURSDAY, JULY 15**

**NEWARK** — The Newark Museum presents Jazz in the Garden Concert Series. Call (973) 596-9500 for more information.

**CAPE MAY** — The Cape May County 4-H Fair returns for another year of entertainment, food, games and many more. It takes place at 4-H Fair Grounds through July 17. Call (609) 468-5115 for time and information.

**FRIDAY, JULY 16**

**CLIFFSIDE PARK** — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at Paladium, 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

**ATLANTIC CITY** — 10,000 Mentors sponsor the first statewide Youth Empowerment Summit at the New Atlantic City Convention Center. 11 a.m. (609) 242-1142.

**WILLOWOOD** — The Fifth Annual Doo Wop Music Festival offers a celebration of heat in doo wop music of the past. It takes place at Hopewell Station Mall through July 17. Call (609) 729-0310 for time and information.

**BELVIDERE** — Matarazzo Farms hosts the annual Native American Indian Powwow through July 18. 11 a.m. (908) 475-3816.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

**SADDLE BROOK** — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at Saddle Brook Marriott. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Statewide Food Society presents cooking demonstration on Puerto Rican Food. 1 p.m. (973) 596-8500.

**EAST ORANGE** — 100 Black Men of New Jersey Inc. hosts its annual Village Gathering at Hampton Terrace, 10 a.m. Call (973) 678-6522 for information and location.

**ENGLEWOOD** — The John Harms Arts Center presents legendary doo-wop group, The Drifters and The Platters. 8 p.m. (201) 567-3600.

MONDAY, JULY 19

**JERSEY CITY** — The Women's Center of New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts a seminar on financing your college education. 7 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

**MONTCLAIR** — Montclair State University's Summer Camp for Academically Gifted Youth offers a state of camp programs for students in grade four to ten. Call (973) 655-4333 for time and information.

**WEST ORANGE** — Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside hosts its Tenth Annual Golf Classic at the Montclair Golf Club.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

**NEWARK** — The Newark Museum presents a tribute to singer Jane Austin with special guest Julianne Bond, 12:15 p.m. (973) 596-6500.

**FREELAND** — The Monmouth County Park System presents the 25th Annual Monmouth County Fair through July 25. Call (732) 842-4000 for time and information.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

**READINGTON** — GPU Energy presents The 17th Annual Guido Chik New Jersey Festival of Ballooning takes place at Solberg Airport. 1 p.m. (201) 445-7600.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

**ATLANTIC CITY** — The Absecon Lighthouse presents its first Art Show and Sale. 11 a.m. (609) 441-9272.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

**NEW YORK** — The Morris-Jumel Mansion hosts a discussion on religion and democracy of the early United States. 2 p.m. (212) 923-8008.

## Prudential honors students in journalism workshop



Prudential hosted a special luncheon yesterday at its Newark headquarters to honor the 22 high school juniors and seniors who are participating in Rider University's Hugh N. Boyd Minority Journalism Workshop (MJW) this summer. Pictured with the students are (l-r) Dr. Elda Berilo, dean of student affairs at Mayor of Newark; Mimi Yee, vice president of Multicultural Business Development at Prudential; and Jason Jeff, program director of MJW.

## Smith named Runnels employee of the month



**UNION** — Michelle Smith (left), a secretary in the clinic area of Runnels Specialized Hospital was recently named Union County government's Employee of the Month. Smith, a county employee at Runnels for sixteen years, is holding the certificate of appreciation that she received from her supervisor, Nicholas P. Scutari. Presenting her with a Resolution from the county's Board of Chosen Freeholders is Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari.

## Rider students receive Paul Sheer Book Awards



Students of Rider University were on hand to receive the Paul Sheer Book Award for their purchase of books and academic achievement. Carrie Ramos (right) associate director of Rider University's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), and Hugh-Bailey EOP coordinator, congratulated (l-r) Debra Johnson, a junior business major; Shelia Galloway, junior computer information systems major; Sharla Day of Trenton, junior sociology major and Naja Carter, business/communications major. Sheer, Rider professor of English emeritus, provides the annual award.

## Nursing student receives honorary membership



**JERSEY CITY** — Helena Groce (right) of West Orange, a May graduate of New Jersey City University received a bachelor of nursing in science degree, was awarded honorary membership in the New Jersey National League for Nursing at a senior reception held on campus. Gloria Bosseman, NJCU professor of nursing, presented the award to Ms. Groce.

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# National Briefs

## CO-DIRECTOR OF NEW MAJORITY COUNCIL APPOINTED

WASHINGTON — Republican National Committee Chairman Patric Leahy has welcomed Renee Amico who will join Judy Chapa as Co-Director of the New Majority Council. Amico, who has been an active Republican both on a state and national level, will be working on spreading the message to minorities in our country and recruiting them to be active participants in the GOP. Amico will be joined by Judy Chapa who is in charge of Hispanic Affairs in the Office of the Co-Director and will be the other Co-Director of the NMC.

## ELAM NOMINATED AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL

WASHINGTON — The President announced today his intent to nominate Herman L. Elam to be the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

Mr. Herman L. Elam, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a resident of Arlington, Virginia, is a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor. She is currently Acting Deputy Director and Counselor in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the Foreign Service. Her career in the Foreign Service includes assignments as Counselor for Public Affairs in Belgium, Cultural Attaché at the American Embassy in Athens, and Counselor-Affairs Officer to Greece, Turkey, and Cyprus. Her earlier assignments included the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, the President's Appointments Office at the White House, and Career Counselor for USAID Foreign Service personnel. She also served in France, Senegal, Mali, the Ivory Coast, and Turkey.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HONORS 11 OUT-STANDING WOMEN

WASHINGTON — The African American Women's Institute (AAWI) in the Howard University Department of Sociology recently honored 11 outstanding black women with the 1999 Distinguished Service and Leadership Award.

The international conference, devoted to the presentation of scholarly work by black educators, administrators and students, was:

Many Frances Berry, chairperson, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Mary Schmidt Campbell, Dean, Tisch School of the Arts, NYU; Elizabeth Cullen, artist; Karen Clegg, author; Melinda Campbell, educator; Eta Falconer, provost, Spelman College; Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, chief justice, International War Crimes Tribunal; Constance Baker Motley, Federal District Court Judge; *et al.* *et al.* *et al.* v. Board of Education; Eileen Holmes Norton, District of Columbia Delegate; Jessie Carney Smith, Fisk University librarian; and Alvin Wardlaw, curator 20th Century Art Museum of Fine Arts-Houston; and a Texas Southern University.

Founded in 1993, the AAWI is the focal point for cross-cultural studies of women of color. The institute seeks to build collaborations with women's programs at local universities and community organizations.

## NAACP HOLDS ITS 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

BALTIMORE — The NAACP held its 90th Annual Convention July 10-13 in New York City. The theme, "NAACP: 90 Years of Making Democracy Work," commemorates the association's historic founding in New York in 1909.

"It's a momentous occasion for us as a nation. We are committed to justice and equality for all people of color over the past 90 years. The NAACP has played a significant role in making America work for all of its citizens," said NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume.

An estimated 14,000 delegates and visitors, representing the NAACP's 2,200 branches are expected to attend the six-day convention. Invited guests included President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, First Lady Hillary Clinton, First Lady Madeline Albright, Rep. J.C. Watts (R-O.K.) and James Clyburn (D-S.C.), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. Call 410-358-8900.

# U.S. Commerce hails Y2K victory

WASHINGTON — U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue today hailed legislation as "a watershed achievement for business at the American economy." The White House has given assurances that the president will sign the bill.

"Millions of small businesses, communities, hospitals, and high tech entrepreneurs can now focus on anything remaining Y2K problems," said Donohue.

"The Y2K Act will encourage

instead of worrying about a group of trial lawyers looking to get rich off Y2K."

Donohue praised the bipartisan congressional Y2K leadership, including Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Reps. Tom Davis (R-Va.), Jim Moran (D-Ga.), Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Chris Cox (R-Calif.), Cal Dooley (D-Calif.) David Dreier (R-Calif.), and Bud Cramer (D-Ala.).

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## Support for two black law schools grows

By Austin Miller

MIAMI — Showing a force of unity, a group of lawmakers from both political parties agreed to petition their colleagues for support of law schools for two Florida universities.

FAMU A & M University (FAMU) and Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) have gotten some powerful support in their quest to have law schools.

"We're working together for one common goal, and that's to make sure that at the end of the day both FAMU and FIT will have the ability to send students to an attorney," said Sen. Senator Daryl L. Jones, who is an attorney and one of the chief supporters of the proposal.

It is a historical adventure we're embarking on and our government should not be slowed," said Mario Diaz-Balart, the organizer of a recent press event.

News conferences were held simultaneously at the South campus of FAMU and FAMU's auditorium in Tallahassee, where both stressed the importance of having a law school to provide access to financially challenged students who cannot afford higher tuition rates from private universities.

Of the 5,103 available student seats in the last three years of the state, only 1,777 or 34.6 percent are located at public institutions.

The University of Florida and Florida State University are the only two public institutions in the state that have law schools. "Our children should not have to leave us to attend a far away university because we cannot give them the opportunity," said Rep. Fredrick Wilson.

FAMU had a law school, but it was closed in 1968 because of a lack of funding. That law school was created because — at the time — Florida's institutions of higher learning were segregated.

Virgil Hawkins and some other Black students protested the state's denial of their admission to law school and FAMU's law school was created. The law school never received a funding increase in its 31-year history and ultimately closed.

"We've very few Black lawyers in the state and with the continuation of my school's programs, we can get back to the business of educating our young attorneys," said Art Woodard, a FAMU alumnus and longtime supporter of the recreation of the law school there.

## A new president, a new struggle for South Africa

By Richard Muhammad

(NNPA) — The Republic of South Africa marked an important milestone with recent elections and the inauguration of Thabo Mbeki as its new president. With the ascension of Mbeki, Nelson Mandela, an icon of the liberation struggle, has stepped down and a new era begins.

Mandela, piled for 27 years by the brutal apartheid regime, provided a symbol of personal and national reconciliation by forgiving and reaching out to the White minority that oppressed and plundered the country. For the past 20 years, he has been the example of Black willingness to forgive White for centuries of a deadly domination.

Mandela's plan for reconciliation brought accolades from across the globe. Mbeki, however, faces the difficult task of bringing the masses of South Africa closer to the beloved freedom for which men, women and children died.

His job is more challenging given White intransigence and talk of fears of Black domination and protection of Black rights. The new president must, a shortage of affordable housing, AIDS crisis, high crime and other critical issues. To meet those challenges, even with economic growth, there will be a greater willingness to share South Africa's wealth and resources. The new president must be able to help the poor. Mbeki's administration has talked about the need to grow the economy from the ground up - but even the best economic news won't make up for the 30-year head start that White have.

The euphoria of the first all-race elections in 1994 has been replaced with a desire for the masses to see a change in their lives. African National Congress (ANC) officials say with hundreds of thousands of new homes built, improved education and improvement

of infrastructure, the ANC's first all-new elections just five years in the past, the ANC deserves a chance to make things work. The country still has a racial divide as demonstrated in videotapes of White policemen beating Black as colonized civilians and the shootings of Blacks in rural areas by farmers.

Sacrifices in South Africa have to be evenly distributed as possible.

Otherwise a volatile mix of poverty, class differences and race could cause it to explode.

Richard Muhammad, a Chicago-based author and photographer.

## Community Reinvestment Act under attack from Congress

WASHINGTON — After decades of progress in the nation's pursuit of equal opportunity, the Congress may take a giant step backwards by gutting the Community Reinvestment Act. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights is working with Congress and the White House to encourage lawmakers to convince lawmakers that investing in communities is good for neighborhoods, and good for the nation.

Many inner-city neighborhoods and rural communities are better places today because banks and thrifts have paid attention to them. Financial institutions have helped revitalize neighborhoods by investing new day care centers and grocery stores in low-income areas, and by giving to low and moderate income residents. In rural areas, too, the family farmer has found it easier to obtain loans from local banks, funds that often allow small farmers to stay in business after a poor growing season.

Indeed, the CRA, a law enacted back in 1977, has encouraged financial institutions to lend more than \$1 trillion in the communities where they are located. How? Before banks and thrifts can receive federal regulators to expand their loan portfolios to at least a satisfactory community lending record, the process has worked well for communities and bankers, who have profited from loans in areas they feared would be high risk.

Yet, some politicians in Washington, particularly Sen. Phil Gramm, (R-TX) the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, is trying to change the CRA in ways that would make it dramatically less effective. In fact, the Senate has passed a

version of the Financial Modernization Act of 1999 that permits banks with poor community lending records to nonetheless affiliate with securities and insurance firms, a union that will likely be very profitable. The legislation reduces the role that community lending plays in the CRA and would play in rating the lending records of financial institutions, while exempting rural banks with less than \$100 million in assets from CRA requirements, eliminating 76 percent of the nation's bank branches.

This version of the same bill maintains CRA's current role in encouraging community lending. But later this summer, the House and Senate members will meet to hammer out a bill that will be sent to the White House. President Clinton is vowed to veto any bill that weakens the CRA, but the powerful banking, securities and insurance industries are pushing hard for a bill to be enacted.

The impact of the CRA has been strong, particularly in rural areas. Between 1993 and 1997, home mortgage loans to African Americans increased by 62 percent. In the same time frame, mortgage loans increased by 58 percent to Hispanics, by 30 percent to Asian Americans, and by 25 percent to Black Americans.

Dr. Dorothy L. Height, Chairperson of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and President Emeritus of the National Council on Negro Women, said recently that adequate housing is a cornerstone for success in our neighborhoods. "It links between fair housing practice and the opportunity for struggling families to lift themselves into the middle class and stay there," she said at a press conference, where Civil Rights leaders voiced support for the CRA.

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It is in the community where the dialogue of leadership, compassion, generosity and understanding begins," said said.

"To be a part of that conversation, you have to be involved and want to know what's going on," said Inness, for organizing and supporting the work of those who seek to further the dialogue. Together, we can make a difference."

Help should also come from Black Americans, who fought to end apartheid. What is needed now is not so much pride as a sense of responsibility and a sense of purpose and a sense of mission. We must work together to repair its fire alarm system and bring its other systems in line with New York City Fire and Building Department codes.

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Inness is also considered the "guardian angel" of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Washington Heights. Prior to joining the church, he was a safety engineer at a chemical plant and helped to repair its fire alarm system and bring its other systems in line with New York City Fire and Building Department codes.

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# EDITORIAL

## Knowing when the joke's on you

Youth, oh how sweet the sound, when life is free, simple, and easy, not a care in the world, with maybe the exception of maintaining good grades in school. The premier reason for existence is to have fun, and that's with a capital F. Then as time would have it, youth turns into young adults and that's when all the trials, tribulations and tribulations begin. Relationships, school, work, job security, good credit vs. what usually becomes bad credit, debt, car payment, lack of confidence, paying your own rent, grown as you was to be, and even, during this juncture, worries are few — just living for the week that a frivilous state of being. Wandering aimlessly trying to find your place.

And then one day life up jumps and slaps you in the face, literally. For some they really can't point exactly to the precise day when it happens, but for others they recall it like they know their name. It usually comes by way of a painful experience, an epiphany, or better yet a high-calling to live more robust and fully. Let's call this juncture the proving ground. For the Black Liberation Movement the entire essence of this year's convention as we focus in on "Economic Liberation For The Black Nation."

From the very inception of NBUF, the question of money emerged in two significant ways.

It is the topic you'll hear I'll be writing about in this column, and the road up ahead so much clearly, responding with accuracy because you now have a keen sense of direction and know where you're going. It's a happening. Smooth and startling.

Wisdom is good, you've gotten yourself a mild dose and life starts to look and feel kinda good. And the funny thing is this, wisdom conjures up the desire to know more. You're a sage, soothsayer, some might say you're a know-all, like when you were young and really didn't know much of anything. But the difference now is that you really do know. Then you start to become more compassionate for others, you treat people the way you want to be treated, you're kinder. You're a sage, soothsayer with wisdom.

You see through the pervasiveness of almost that many people, and talking about keeping it real. That wisdom is working in a well-oiled machine. You know who you are and discover. Life is worth living. Everything around you is a heavenly creation. Isn't life an amazing grace?

And to think when you were young, you had it going on, remains the biggest practical joke ever played on anyone. Oh, but isn't that life for you? It'll fool you every time — unless you're wise.

## White Supremacy having its way

by Askin Muhammad

Vanessa Ramson sat, literally tramping throughout their meeting, waiting for her turn to speak during the public comment time.

When it was her time to speak, she asked that no one take her picture. "You have made a walking target already," she said, confessing that she was afraid for her life, taking her life to her own hands.

On her way to her work a few days before, white men had called her and another black woman "niggers" and threatened to kill their lives. Other men had tried to follow her home, in order to intimidate or harm her. On one occasion, shots were fired at her office. Police are investigating that incident as an "attempted homicide."

The same day that Vanessa does not work at a family planning clinic where anti-abortion extremists have resorted to violent disruptions and murder.

No, Vanessa Ramson works as Executive Assistant for progressive, anti-abortion groups.

Patricia P. Pardue, a white woman in Berkeley, CA which operates five non-commercial radio stations in Berkeley, Los Angeles, New York, Houston, and Washington, D.C. and the demonstrators who verbally attacked her are quite "revolutionaries" who think the Pacifica network has sold out.

By all accounts Pacifica Radio has fallen on hard times. Half a century after the nation's very first listener-supported station, KPFA-AM took to the airwaves in the San Francisco Bay area in an unique experiment in media independence, the battle raged over its future, hangs like a shadow over the network, while respected media critic, Norman Mailer, The California Green Party and blacks all over the country are also critical of Pacifica over several issues.

The most troubling issue is a decision by Pacifica's non-paid National Board of Directors to become "self-selecting" and remove from the policy which let Local Advisory Boards in the area of the five stations nominate most of the board members.

Now, many activists insist that this change is anti-democratic and contrary to the progressive, radical vision that has kept Pacifica at the cutting edge of community awareness and grassroots access to information.

in New York City, activists are upset because Pacifica managers are trying to discredit the station's history and its affiliation with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Technicians (IBET). The union is rare because it permits volunteers — an essential cause of the workforce at all the low-budget Pacifica stations to maintain its ranks.

Finally, in Berkeley, the station's volunteers, paid staff and many volunteers, who contribute the bulk of the network's operating revenue, are upset over the dismissed former station manager Nicole Sayers and the subsequent rise of popular, long-time volunteer and sometimes paid program host Larry Bansky for talking about the issues over the Pacifica airwaves.

While all of the issues that have Pacifica apart are important, when white men threaten and threatening black women — no matter how honorable their cause might have been to begin with — most black people stop listening and get very defensive.

It reminds me of an old proverb: "No man is a prince to his vulture." What that means to me is that no matter how great a "prince" someone may be, that person doesn't look quite as "royal" to the vulture as he does to the people who attend to other "ordinary" personal details for "His Majesty." That saying is true of honor, institutions, which function similar roles.

Unless and until the white "hippies" "oppo" and leftist, hard-core which is driving this dangerous and violent protest against Pacifica, backs off from its racist and misogynist tactics and shows some respect for the people, the Pacifica workers will be innocent and responsible for the network's policies or personnel policies, then they will never get any respect from me, let alone my support for their cause.

"Just because they may have gone to the same college 10 years ago, some of them think they can be racists," Ms. Ramson said in an interview at the meeting. "I'm here to tell them something different."

I'm here to agree.

Askin Muhammad is an international syndicated columnist.

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 15

**FIELD** — United National Bank hosts a workshop for youth interested in business at United National Banks Community Education Center, 10 a.m. (908) 753-3764.

**UNION** — The Union County Economic Development Corporation hosts a seminar on creating economic opportunity in the downtown areas. Call (908) 527-1115 or for more information.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

**PALMARES** — The National Minority Supplier Development Council hosts a general meeting at KG Fibers, Inc. 1 p.m. (609) 780-8500.

MONDAY, JULY 19

**JERSEY CITY** — The Women's Center of New Jersey City University (NUCU) hosts a seminar on financing your college education, 5:30 p.m. (201) 260-2426.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

**CARFORD** — Union County College offers a course in printing buying, 7 p.m. (908) 709-7600.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

**BRODGEWATER** — The New Jersey Technology Council and Human Resources Peer Track presents a seminar and dinner on creating benefits. Bridgewater Manor, 5 p.m. (908) 452-1010.

MONDAY, JULY 26

**CARFORD** — Union County College offers a course in how to obtain financial wealth through political speaking, 7 p.m. (908) 709-7600.

**JERSEY CITY** — The Women's Center of New Jersey City University (NUCU) hosts a seminar on how to build money with a few dollars with the help of the New Jersey First Investors, 7:30 p.m. (201) 200-3188.

**CARFORD** — Union County College offers a course on how to make your resume work for you, 7 p.m. (908) 709-7600.

## Money Matters

### HUD study concludes America's inner cities hold tremendous economic promise

**WASHINGTON** — President Clinton recently released a Department of Housing and Urban Development report that found that America's inner city neighborhoods — with \$331 billion in retail and purchasing power — hold major economic potential for retail business growth.

The Untapped Retail Buying Power In America's Inner Cities report identifies opportunities to find major profit-making opportunities in low- and moderate-income inner city neighborhoods. The report calls these areas "undiscovered territories for many businesses." The new report shows that when businesses invest in America's inner cities they can increase profits and benefit communities at the same time," Clinton said. "By working in partner-

ship with business, we can make our strong national economy even stronger and create new jobs and new opportunity for millions of Americans."

The major findings of the HUD report are:

"America's inner city neighborhoods possess enormous retail purchasing power — estimated at \$331 billion last year or one-third of the \$1 trillion in retail sales in the U.S. which these neighborhoods are located. The report suggests that businesses not yet operating in inner cities should not ignore that large domestic market."

"Despite their huge buying power, America's inner city communities are 'under-relied,' with sales that fall significantly short of retail purchasing power. The report

makes clear that not only is there a large inner city consumer market worth competing for, but there is also room for expansion that makes sense."

The report finds that many inner city neighborhoods suffer from "out-shopping." These neighborhoods simply have too few retail stores to meet the demand and tap the buying power of their own residents.

As a result, inner city shoppers make a large number of their purchases in suburban malls, by mail order, and increasingly over the Internet.

The HUD study highlights two gaps — capital and information — that hold back inner city businesses from economic success. The capital gap deprives inner city businesses of the investment dollars they need to set up shop and expand. The information gap deprives

businesses of vital market information they need to establish retail stores that can succeed by meeting the shopping needs of inner city residents.

Clinton is proposing tax incentives and investment tools to make it more attractive for corporate America to seek opportunities in inner cities. Clinton's proposal will build on Clinton-Gore Administration policies that seek to remove remaining barriers to business development in new markets. These barriers include access to capital and technical expertise, as well as better market information.

Clinton's plan was developed in consultation by the White House's Working Group on New Markets. "After months of work with the White House in moving this agenda forward," Jackson said. "We must now fight for the passage of

the president's New Market's Initiative in Congress. This proposal could spur billions of dollars in investment in America's inner cities," said HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo said.

"Increased business investment can transform many inner cities from places left behind by the new economy into places leading the way to economic success. This investment will bring shopping, billions of dollars in consumer spending, and new jobs to urban America."

Clinton began a New Markets tour last week to visit six economically distressed urban and rural areas that represent the proposed market. Among them are Hazlet, Karen, Clarkdale, Miss.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, S.D.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Los Angeles and Anaheim, Calif.

## Women Business Owners welcomes 25 new Women's Business Centers

**WASHINGTON** — SBA Administrator Alida Alvarez recently welcomed 25 new women's business centers to the system of dozens of currently funded centers, along with SBA district office technical representatives who will be funded with OMB's funds with the centers.

"This program is one of the SBA's best investments for helping women entrepreneurs succeed," Alvarez said on June 21 at the annual post-award briefing & meeting conference. "In fact, it's one of the federal government's best investments."

The theme of the conference was "A beacon for women in business. Lighting the way for success," said Alvarez. "That each of you is a beacon to women business owners, and that you are lighting the way to success. And you are doing it in unique and innovative ways."

Among the new sites, the Center for Women & Enterprise in Boston saw a need for an investment fund that would provide growth capital of \$1 million to \$2 million to women owned firms, so they started a program to meet that need, the Center said.

The first program of its kind, the center helps women entrepreneurs find equity through both individual investors and venture capital funds.

They offer numerous programs, including financial management, marketing, business planning, executive training, mentoring and individual counseling, and Internet training, and direct much of their training and counseling assistance toward socially and economically disadvantaged women. Several other training and mentoring in several languages.

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"It is essential that you organize anything that you save. If you are saving papers you should put them in folders sorted alphabetically in a filing cabinet. If you are saving clothes, you may want to sort them based on the season and whether they are casual or formal wear. If you do not organize what you have, you might as well give or throw it away — it's of no use if you cannot find it."

"If you have a solid personal financial plan, you will understand the relative importance of the papers that you receive. You will understand the effectiveness of your financial plan. You must organize all relevant financial information that you receive. The person who means to minimize their expenses while maximizing their net worth will analyze this information and

decide if it will help them achieve their goals. Review your financial junk mail as soon as you receive it to decide if it will help you achieve your financial goals."

"You can generate significant tax savings by contributing your old clothes to a charity. This is not only a wonderful way to help the less fortunate, you can reduce your taxes by thousands of dollars by claiming these contributions. Even better, you'll clear some closet space."

"Pay your bills as soon as possible. Too often, people are afraid of opening their bills, but bills are like a time bomb, meaning to get to them later. They pile up and get lost with the junk mail. Frequently, people forget to pay these bills and end up paying late fees. Always open your bills immediately. I recommend that you write a check for each bill and pay it right away."

"Do not be ashamed if you have accumulated papers or clothes you do not need. Begin today to throw away all unnecessary papers and give away clothes that you have not worn in 12 months."

## Saving junk can foul up financial planning

If you're like most people, you save a lot of "junk" — a person who saves lots of items that they don't use but think might be useful in the future. To save things you really do not need can get in the way of the successful implementation of your personal financial plan.

I have been telling people to save papers and other things that you might not need. For a long time I saved mail that was three or more years old, clothes that I had not even looked at in two years and papers that I used in college. I was afraid that the second I threw them away, I would need them again. I now realize that I need them for some immediate use, freshly used. I never took the time to inventory what I had saved, so in the event that I needed something I didn't know whether I had it.

How do this impact financial planning? I learned the following from experience:

"It is much more time consuming to throw accumulated junk away than it is if you discard it as soon as you receive it. The most precious commodity in life is time. Throw junk away

today so you don't have to waste time later."

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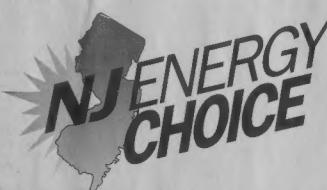


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## Local Briefs

**The City of Newark**  
congratulates the men and women in blue

**NEWARK** — Eighty-eight Newark Police recruits ended grueling Academy training and took their place as Newark police officers at a graduation ceremony last night. The graduation ceremony for the 106th Police Recruit class will take place at the Sacred Heart Church at Sanford and South Orange Avenues in Newark. Mayor Sharpe James and Police Director Santiago lead the dignitaries who are to speak at the ceremony.

**Kaplan Educational**  
Centers give free orientation

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Students and parents are invited to Kaplan's free "Orientation to the SAT and PSAT" workshop at New Brunswick High School on July 20 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Topics discussed will include competitive test scores, college admissions, test-taking strategies and the new PSAT Writing section. Many students raise their score 50 points by attending the workshop. Each family presenting receives a free "How to get into College" guide. The workshop is free, but seating is limited. Call (800) KAP-TEST to reserve a seat.

**Plainfield families can learn about Brazil by hosting**

**PLAINFIELD** — Brazilian students with good English skills and a desire to learn about the exciting American life. Plainfield families willing to open their hearts and homes are invited to participate. Academic Year in America (AYA) has brought families and foreign students, aged 15 to 18, for 17 years. With their own funds, families host students and money; they attend local high school for a semester or two. To volunteer call (800) 322-4678 ext. 6078.

**New Jersey Chamber of Commerce selects new chairman**

**TRENTON** — Alfred C. Koepp, senior vice president - corporate services and external affairs for PSEG/LIB, has been elected the 1999-2000 chairman of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. Koepp, a resident of Summit, replaces T. Joseph Semrod, chairman and CEO of First Bancorp, as chairman of the State Chamber.

**Black Troopers' silence ends**

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**U.S. Justice Department.**

The Northeast Region of the National Black Police Association has no confidence in anything put forth until the governor demonstrates her commitment to bringing someone in from the outside to rectify this problem, said Sgt. Del Ray Davis, the NBPA's regional director.

**What's the review team assembled by then-Attorney General Peter Verniero did?** We did what we already knew. They put oversight in the hands of the state organization that was supposed to be overseeing the State Police in the first place.

He called it putting a fox in the henhouse. " Didn't Peter Verniero defend the State Police in the Gloucester County case (in which Verniero appealed on the State Police to the New Jersey Court of Common Pleas)?

He said: "We did what we already knew. They put oversight in the hands of the state organization that was supposed to be overseeing the State Police in the first place."

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He said: "We did what we already knew. They put oversight in the hands of the state organization that was supposed to be overseeing the State Police in the first place."

Our recommendations include:

• Restructuring the State Police's process for investigating Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action complaints from within the ranks, with direct supervision of the attorney general's office.

• Forming the Internal Affairs process, also under supervision of the attorney general.

• Other recommendations related to recruitment, selection, promotion, performance evaluation, facilitation review, promotion, additional legal support and assistance process.

The review team tried to go back to basics of New Jersey's state police mission, calling for the attorney general to consider other things, then changing the way that would mean "some of its old traditions" with current requirements of a state-level law enforcement agency.

"Along with its modern day obligations, such as crime prevention and the apprehension of criminals, the division should be dedicated to its traditional mission of service as peace officer of the state."

The perpetrators of scandalous crime in the U.S. military, such as the Tailhook case, are relieved of command, said Lt. Col. William Williams. "They've relieved no one of command except Col. Williams," he said angrily. "I'm passionate about (the report) because it insults our intelligence."

# PMUA makes \$1 mil lease payment to city

**PLAINFIELD** — As the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority nears its second year for providing full-scale services, officials say that the City of Plainfield's contributions to the authority are an increasingly important role in "partnering" in interagency fiscal and service cooperation.

That message was underscored by both City and PMUA officials as the Authority made over \$1 million to the city as its annual lease payment for the 110 miles of sanitary sewer lines serving Plainfield. The annual payment is a condition of the 1997 interlocal Agreement that transferred responsibility for operations and maintenance of the City's solid waste and water systems to the PMUA. The \$1,062,000 payment for 1999 was derived from the Authority's operating revenues.

"As was planned, the PMUA has emerged as a key agency in the development of the water and waste systems of the City," said Eric Watson, PMUA Executive Director. "This is a direct result of the continued development and improvement of our comprehensive environmental services as well as our

role in promoting interagency fiscal and service cooperation."

As payment is just one example of the City of Plainfield's contributions to the City of Plainfield's, said PMUA Board Chairman, Dr. Gerard Lee. "All residents will continue to benefit as the PMUA and the City work together to solve other issues such as rebuilding our aging sewer system, upgrading the water system, Santa's increasing activity and reducing litter throughout the community. These are things that directly affect the quality of life in our City."

City Council liaison to the PMUA, Joseph Montague, said, "Plainfield, City Administrator, Gerard Lee, and Board Chairman, Dr. Montague, thank the City of Plainfield for recently selecting the PMUA's very competitive proposals to provide comprehensive solid waste services. They will be the authority's two largest

customers and represent an excellent example of the growing interagency cooperative spirit in Plainfield."

Watson also pointed out that the PMUA is pleased to be able to work together with other City agencies. Both the Plainfield Department of Education and the Housing Authority of Plainfield, for example, recently selected the PMUA's very competitive proposals to provide comprehensive solid waste services. They will be the authority's two largest

customers and represent an excellent example of the growing interagency cooperative spirit in Plainfield."

The PMUA is now inspecting and analyzing the condition of sewer lines and plans to begin line repairs and replacement in critical areas. This effort is being coordinated with the City's

## Fourteen Union County communities will share millions for downtowns

**ELIZABETH** — Fourteen Union County communities will share in the Freeholder Board's \$5 million "Downtown Union County" Grant Program. Freeholder Nicholas P. Scaturi announced today, the grants, ranging from \$100,000 to \$100,000, are part of the "Downtown Union County" program that was first announced by Freeholder Scaturi when he became Board Chairman in January.

"These grants should act as catalysts, spurring new growth and neglect-free development in every community entering into a town's business district. They come at a good time for small businesses in our downtowns," Scaturi said. "In many municipalities, we have seen downtown shopping districts undergo a renaissance in the past five years as people move downtown. That is not the case in highway stores to shop. For some municipalities, a small push is all that is needed," he added.

Freeholder Linda Stender, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, said that many of the grants will trigger additional public and private

**MSU works to strengthen early childhood education**

**MONTCLAIR** — Montclair State University to the rescue. The state of New Jersey has asked MSU for its assistance in strengthening its initiative to provide high-quality early childhood education to three- and four-year-olds in state urban districts. MSU was asked to assist because of the strength of its early childhood curriculum.

Montclair State University President Dr. Susan A. Cole has been working with the office of Gov. Christine Todd Whitman to insure that the full resources of the University are brought to bear on this serious problem.

In a letter to Dr. Nicholas Michelis, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, Whitman asked for help in locating existing seniors, recent graduates and alumni who have an interest in helping to shape the next generation of New Jersey's youth," Michelis said.

Michelis said that Montclair State is well positioned to assist in this effort.

"We have a long history of excellence in early childhood education and a strong commitment to the state's urban districts," Michelis said. "We stand ready to do all we can to support the governor in this important initiative."

The New Jersey Department of Education and Human Services has prepared an informational leaflet indicating the urban district employment possibilities for those college seniors, university graduates holding certificates in elementary and early childhood education. Salaries will range from \$25,000 - \$30,000 and scholarship support for additional education is available.

A copy of the leaflet may be obtained by calling Marcia Adin in the University's Center of Pedagogy at (973) 655-4262. Interested individuals may also check the state's web site at [www.wnjp.state.nj.us](http://www.wnjp.state.nj.us) (scroll down, select "youth" and "early childhood," to "selected preschool teachers"). Additionally, individuals can fax or email their resumes to Unified Child Care Agencies throughout the region.

investment and are diverse in nature. She cited Roselle, Rahway, and Summit as examples. "The Borough of Roselle will use its grant to help spur a \$6 million retail project on a site that is currently a vacant lot," she said. "The project is a joint venture between the city and a developer." The city will invest \$1.5 million in other downtown investments, including the Union County Arts Center. And Summit will use its grant toward a \$4 million revitalization program within its Downtown Special Improvement District," Stender said.

There are 14 communities that will receive grants. "The grants are designed to help spur development in the business districts of these communities. The program, run by the Morristown-based Community Foundation of New Jersey, provides a nine-month series of leadership training workshops for new and emerging neighborhood-level leaders who want to make a difference in their communities."

Since 1992, 25 grassroots leaders have graduated from the NLI program. Each year, about 40 NLI individuals are selected from over 100 candidates who apply. The participants are trained, NLI Fellows, and receive training in community recruitment, program design and grantwriting skills. From October - May, NLI Fellows meet one Saturday a month at corporate and civic locations throughout the state. Upon completion of the program, NLI Fellows submit a grant application and are eligible to receive a grant of up to \$5,000 to launch a community improvement project in their communities.

Department of Community Affairs, and foundations and companies committed to building communities from the inside out.

Applications are available in the NLI Class of 2000 available by calling the Neighborhood Leadership Initiative at (973) 267-5533.

# 1999 Union County Teen Arts Exhibit tours county

**UNION** — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is spending \$1,000 for 1999 TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT in the 1999 TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT at the Borough of Roselle Council Chambers at 210 Chestnut Street in Roselle, from now until July 22. The public is invited to view the display during business hours.

The 1999 TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT consists of 37 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual art works shown at the 1999 Union County TEEN ARTS Festival held in March at Union County College. The event is sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development.

"The County is very pleased to recognize and support these student artists. Arts education connects young people to themselves, their culture and their community," said Mary P. Randolph, Freeholder Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Administration Board.

The Teen Arts Program is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, headed by Freeholder Linda Stender, and sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Sponsors and supporting agencies of the 1999 TEEN ARTS Program are: Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, Union County Parks, a City of Roselle, and the Mary P. Randolph Freeholder Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Administration Board.

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# CityLife

## Dance! Dance! Dance!

Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

Celebrating 40 years of dance, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater a principal resident affiliate with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, need not look too far to acquire some of the brightest stars on the dance scene, thanks to Michele Burrell, 34, of Asbury Park.

She has given the kids from Asbury Park and neighboring communities an opportunity to perfect the art of dance at the Asbury Park Technical Academy of Dance. For Burrell, no makeshift facility in the basement of a church or at a community center would do. "I wanted to have a place where the kids could come and have a place to dance like everybody else's."

Burrell, who has taught dance for 17 years and honed her skills under the watchful eye of Madam Maria Swaboda in Spring Lake, teaches ballet, modern dance and jazz, along with Lisa Connell, who teaches tap. Besides being a full-service facility, not only catering to dance but also building self-esteem, one of the school's most attractive feature is its price-tag — \$28 a month for an hour of dance, and this price decreases if more than one child per family attends the school.

The school, which has been in existence for one year, has an Adopt A Dancer Program that the community has responded favorably to, partly because of the low cost of tuition for the students. This program not only sponsors kids who want to dance and can't afford to, but it also insures that these students who have been accepted at well established dance companies, such as Alvin Ailey's summer program, can attend.

Darby Brooks, 14, Neptune along with Alysha Ezell, 16, Asbury Park, are attending Ailey's summer program, despite the fee of nearly \$1,000 thanks to the Adopt A Dancer Program. As a matter of fact, Glenn A. Sims, a native of Long Branch, has performed for the King of Morocco as a dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater since 1997. He truly is a reflection for these youngsters that with hard work and dedication dreams to dance in the big leagues can come true.

Many students in the Monmouth and Ocean Park communities, the academy has never placed less than second and dancers like Sechita McNair, 19, who has been accepted at the Philadanco School of Dance in Philadelphia on a scholarship. Danielle Harris, 10, Wanumarsa, expressed Burrell, is a powerhouse of a dancer, who dances with the older members of the school. While Amanda Morae, 12, Long Branch, also dances with the Ballet Hispanico in New York.

For more information about this progressive school of dance please telephone (732) 774-4557.



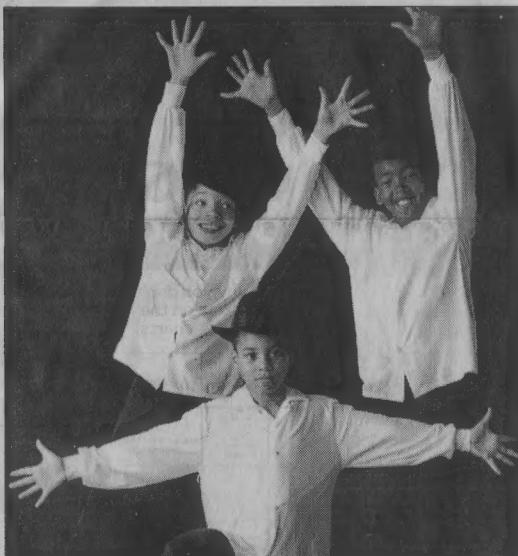
(Front row, l-r) Danielle Harris, Norma Santiago, and Amanda Morae. (Back row, l-r) Sechita McNair, Alysha Ezell and Darby Brooks.



Judith Jamison  
Alvin Ailey Artistic Director



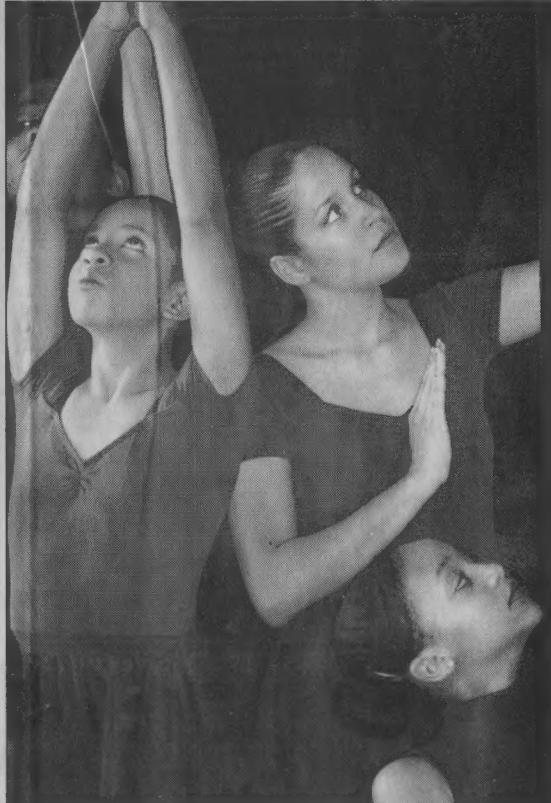
"Pretty in Pink" perform at the Asbury Park Technical Academy of Dance annual recital entitled "A Multicultural Experience."



(L-R) Frank Bailey III, Kyle Jackson and Raphael Thomas perform their dance routine called "Jump."



Ballet dancers perform "Vienna Blood Waltz" at the school's first annual recital.



Older dancers perform a moving tribute entitled "Amistad."

# CityNet 2000

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As City News Publications Inc., rightfully takes a place in the new millennium we proclaim an abrupt exaltation of the evil from our nations past. The horrific voices of discrimination, racism, sexism, medical disparities, and the miseducation of generations will not be welcomed in our illustrious 21st Century. — We do declare.

We hereby, proclaim our independence from any and all negative factors which have infilitrated our communities. We invite you to celebrate our freedom and reap from the seeds that we can harvest together. CityNet 2000 will lead the way as the drum major with a revolutionary 16-page weekly resource library all about our communities. From Paterson to Asbury Park, City News Publications will serve as the community center which unites the gospel of the church with the reformation of the education system; the voting drives in the political arena to the accumulation of wealth in urban communities. CityNet 2000 will truly reflect the spirit of the city and you are vital in keeping this spirit alive.

- If you are a thriving business in New Jersey or New York, tell us your story.
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- If you are a religious center rebuilding our communities faith, tell us your story.
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"In order to lift ourselves and our communities, isn't it past time that we stopped letting the majority-community press speak for us and shape images of ourselves," stated William Reed, publisher of "Who's Who in Black Corporate America." "Too few of us have positive self-image in things black. Those that do have to organize processes to link-up black media and press with your families, neighborhoods and church congregations. These groups need to subscribe and read black newspapers every week. Utilizing our own media will help our self-image and social development."

So "Up You Mighty Race," for we will move forward by any means necessary because City News has a dream and you, the people of New Jersey, the heart of the community, is what will keep it alive.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

**KEARNY** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will host a blood drive at Kearny Board of Health 2:30 p.m. 1-(900)-BLOOD-NJ.

**PLAINFIELD** — Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey Inc. offer free vitamin supplements to pregnant women. Call (908) 351-5384 for time and information.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

**BARWELL** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will host a blood drive at the Masons Lafayette Lodge 5 p.m. 1-(800)-BLOOD-NJ.

**BERKLEY HEIGHTS** — The Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold a support meeting for those suffering from Alzheimer disease. Family Conference Room 1 p.m. (908) 771-5815.

**ORANGE** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Gran Centenario Building 3 p.m. 1-(900)-BLOOD-NJ.

**CLARK** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Gran Centenario Building 3 p.m. 1-(900)-BLOOD-NJ.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

**ESTATE BRUNSWICK** — The 24th Annual New Jersey Al-Anon/Alateen Convention will take place at the Brunswick Hilton Hotel through July 18th. It's a statewide convention open for members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Call (973) 335-3845 for time and information.

**WEST ORANGE** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the East Mountain Arena 12 p.m. 1-(800)-BLOOD-NJ.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

**NUTLEY** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Nutley Chapter of the American Red Cross 3 p.m. 1-(800)-BLOOD-NJ.

MONDAY, JULY 19

**MOUNTAINSIDE** — The Chudens Specialized Hospital hosts its Tenth Annual Golf Classic at the Montclair Golf Club in West Orange. Call (908) 301-9049 for information and time.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

**PLAINFIELD** — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County and Plainfield hold a open blood drive at the Greenbrook Manor 4:30 p.m. (908) 756-6414.

**CLARK** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Clark Fire Department 6 p.m. 1-(900)-BLOOD-NJ.

**NEWARK** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the VFW Distric #4 3:30 p.m. 1-(800)-BLOOD-NJ.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

**MONCTON** — The Eastern School of Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine holds a open house 7 p.m. (973) 749-8777.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

**EDISON** — JFK Medical Center offers a class in early pregnancy 7 p.m. (732) 321-7000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

**JERSEY CITY** — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for those suffering from breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

**JERSEY CITY** — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for those surviving breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**EDISON** — JFK Medical Center offers a course in vaginal birth after cesarean section 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**EDISON** — JFK Medical Center offers a course in infant care for adoptive parents 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**EDISON** — JFK Medical Center offers a course on grandparenting 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

**EDISON** — The American Heart Association hosts "Step Out, Save Lives" Heart Walk at Union County College Cal. (732) 251-2510 for time and information.

# HeartBeat

## Clara Maass leads in cancer treatment

**BELLEVILLE** — Clara Maass Medical Center is the first hospital in the state of New Jersey to receive a seal of approval from the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO). Only 50 hospitals in the country have received this accreditation.

"It's a report card and we received an A," says Sandra Mazzeo, manager of the Medical Center's Department of Radiation Oncology. "Our hospital has been part in this voluntary review to ensure that we are providing our patients with state-of-the-art treatment for cancer."

ACRO standards serve as a benchmark for radiation oncology departments at health care facilities around the country. In order to qualify for the accreditation, Clara Maass participated in a year-long review that

included a hospital inspection. The evaluation was conducted by board certified radiation oncologists and physicists from the ACRO.

Clara Maass received excellent marks in several areas, including the caliber of physicians, policies and procedures, quality of treatment methods, facilities, and growth plans to keep abreast of technological advances.

The Medical Center's Radiation Oncology Department is under the direction of Dr. Charles B. Korn, a radiation oncologist. The department offers a spectrum of services for patients with cancer. High-tech equipment includes two linear accelerators that produce cancer fighting beams; a simulator to map out the areas of treatment, and a three-dimensional mapping system that guides physicians in

targeting precise treatment sites.

Hyperthermia, a type of heat treatment, is used in conjunction with radiation therapy for resistant tumors. Clara Maass physicians also use radio active seeds to treat cancers of the prostate, lung and other sites. The department's computer system will add a CT-based virtual simulator to visualize the patient's body and map out treatment sites "in real-time." This sophisticated technology will reduce the time it takes to treat patients while allowing greater precision.

"We're proud to offer patients this level of progressive care in a community setting," adds Mazzeo.

Clara Maass Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, provides an unparalleled

continuum of care to residents of northern New Jersey. Located in Belleville, Clara Maass offers acute care services through Clara Maass Medical Center, skilled rehabilitation and long term care through the Clara Maass Care Center at Belleville, home care through Jersey Care Home Health, and diagnostic radiology services through Progressive Imagine Center.

Other centers in northern New Jersey include Clara Maass' Women's Health Center and Medical Center. The Cancer Center at Clara Maass, diagnostic and treatment services including cardiac catheterization, same day surgery, and maternal/child health programs. For more information on Clara Maass, please call 1-800-CLARA-MAASS.

## AHA to host walk for heart disease

**CRAFORD** — Heart disease is New Jersey's No. 1 killer and the No. 1 killer of all ages. In 1998, it took close to 30,000 people from all walks of life throughout the tri-state area as they Step Out, Save Lives, to fight heart disease and stroke at the American Heart Association's American Heart Walk.

You can join the fight by becoming a walker or a checker. To register, call 1-800-American-Heart-Walk.

With close to 20 walk sites in the tri-state area, including Union County American Heart Walk at Union County College in Cranford on Saturday, September 18, the American Heart Walk locations need lots of volunteers.

The Union County American Heart Walk has a variety of volunteer needs, including performers and entertainers, DJ's, clowns, walksite set-up and take down, checkers, and many, many volunteers, including volunteers to sell as volunteers to help distribute food, beverages and other items at water stations or checkpoints. To volunteer or for information about the American Heart Association's 1999 Union County American Heart Walk, call your local American Heart Association office at 973-376-3636 or call 800-634-1AHA.

## Deepak Chopra to speak for Friends' Health Connection

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Friends' Health Connection will offer the first of a three part lecture series focusing on health and wellness issues, sponsored by Fleet Bank. The lecturer, Dr. Deepak Chopra, will speak at 6:30 p.m. is world renowned author Deepak Chopra, M.D. The event will be held at the War Memorial Building in Trenton, NJ and

Deepak Chopra is one of the world's greatest leaders in the field of mind-body medicine. He is the author of more than 21 books, including "Ageless Body, Timeless Mind" and "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success."

He has also produced a number of highly acclaimed television and video programs for PBS including "Body, Mind and Soul: The Mystery and the Magic." Through his creation of The Chopra Center for Well Being in La Jolla, California, Dr. Chopra is revolutionizing information about the crucial connection between body, mind, spirit and healing. His mission

of "bridging the technological marvels of the west with the wisdom of the east" remains his focus as he conducts seminars and workshops for health care professionals around the world. Dr. Chopra has been recognized as one of the top ten most influential speakers in the nation.

Friends' Health Connection is a non-profit organization that provides customized support and information to help improve the lives of individuals with health problems and their caregivers. The organization is affiliated with 20 hospitals and health centers throughout New Jersey.

Roxanne Black, executive director of Friends' Health Connection stated, "We are delighted to offer individuals with health problems and their caregivers the opportunity to learn coping skills, gain practical advice and share an evening of compassion and support." The event will be hosted by the Robert Wood Johnson Health Network. Tickets are available by calling 1-800-483-7436.

## Home-use tests for HIV can be inaccurate, FTC warns

**WASHINGTON** — If you've tested positive for HIV or AIDS, you may want to do it again. According to the Federal Trade Commission, some home-use test kits can give users false information about their HIV status.

The FTC has issued a warning to consumers that some home-use HIV test kits are not accurate and could give them false results for self diagnosis at home. In every case, the kits showed a negative result when used on a known HIV positive sample—that is, when they should have shown a positive result. Using one of these kits could give a person who might be infected with HIV the false impression that he or she is not infected.

Although Internet ads for these home-use kits may say they are for sale outside the U.S., consumers in the U.S. have been able to purchase these kits. Some ads state that the kits have been approved by

the World Health Organization (WHO) or a similarly well known health organization, or that the home test kit has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

WHO does not approve or license HIV test kits. The FDA has not approved any home-use HIV test kit for sale in the U.S. However, the FDA has approved one HIV home collection test system for sale in the U.S. — the Home Access Express HIV1/2 Test System manufactured by Home Access Health Corporation. This home system allows consumers to collect a sample in the privacy of their home, then requires that the sample be sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Safe, reliable HIV testing can be done only through a medical professional or a clinic, or through use of the Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System, says the FTC.

Prudential enters individual long term care market

**NEWARK** — The Prudential Insurance Company of America recently announced it has entered the individual long term care insurance market in New Jersey with a competitively-priced, flexible product that offers innovative product features, including a monthly home care benefit, an emerging trends benefit, and automatic inflation protection.

Prudential, which has been in the group long term care business since 1986, has received regulatory approval to sell the product — Prudential Long Term Care Insurance — and has begun actively marketing it through its agency force.

The product is available locally through the following Prudential offices

• North Central Jersey Agency, 30 Technology Drive, Warren, NJ 07059; • Clark Agency, 14 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ; John Toma, Managing Director (908) 754-7576

• Edison Emerging Mkt's Agency, 167 Highway 21, Edison, NJ 08817; Savadjanian, Managing Director (908) 223-6000. Prudential will also sell its Prudential Select Brokerage, which uses independent life insurance producers to provide insurance products to the upscale marketplace, and Prudential Working Solutions, which provides voluntary benefit programs to individuals through employee groups and associations.

An ever-increasing number of Americans will need long term care in

the future. In fact, surveys have shown that an estimated 50 percent of people over the age of 65 will need some type of long term care services during their lifetime, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, and Gail Holubski, Prudential's director of Product Development, Long Term Care and former director of the New York State Partnership for Long Term Care. "Unfortunately, few people possess the knowledge that can help protect financial independence and quality of life." Prudential Long Term Care Insurance offers flexible choices for receiving benefits and allows consumers to design policies around their personal needs.

Prudential Long Term Care Insurance provides a range of covered services that include institutional care, such as nursing home, hospice care, respite care, and care in an assisted living facility; and home and community-based care, such as home health, personal and adult day care, and independent support services.

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Author and motivational speaker Deepak Chopra

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# Arts Wednesday

July 14 — July 20, 1999

## Newark Black Film Festival Now Showing

**NEWARK** — Prior to the debut of the Newark Black Film Festival in 1974, the black experience had been relegated to the margins of the American cinema. Denying their point of view on film, the 20th century's most far-reaching and influential form of communication, the black identity had been subject to the rigid confines of pop culture stereotypes, if not excluded entirely from the dreamscape of America's big-screens.

Throughout the two-and-a-half decades since its first screenings, the Newark Black Film Festival has remained a guiding force in the creation and maintenance of a progressive black cinema, sorting through the past to reclaim a forgotten film legacy.

## Movie Timetable

### A salute to Spike Lee

**SJII**  
Time: July 14, 7pm  
Host: Richard Wesley  
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced  
Do The Right Thing  
Filmmaker: Spike Lee 1989, 120 min, 16mm, Rated "R"



Spike Lee masterfully combines humor, drama and music in a technique used in his earlier films to again expose the subtlety of racism. The film moves us through a variety of characters through a maelstrom of situations that of the honest day of the year

### Hair Piece - A Film For Nappy-Headed People

**The Newark Museum**  
Time: August 4, 7 pm  
Filmmaker: Ayoka Chenzira 1982, 10 min. VHS  
Animation Winner: 1989

This animated satire on black consciousness is from the standpoint of the straightening comb and other hair care devices.

### Sisters behind the camera

**NJII**  
Time: July 7, 7 pm  
Host: Gloria Hopkins Buck  
Guest Speaker: Julie Dash  
Daughters of the Dust  
Filmmaker: Julie Dash 1991, 113 min, 35mm  
Shown in the 1992 season

Julie Dash's evocative film, at once poetic and inspirational, journeys into the soul of South Carolina as a Sea Island community endures the trials of the great trek north to the Promised Land — an eloquent testimony to the pivotal role of Black women in modern African-American history and culture.

### A festival classic

**The Newark Museum**  
Time: July 21, 7 pm  
Host: Theodore Johnson  
Guest Speaker: To Be Announced  
Nothing But A Man  
Filmmaker: Michael Roemer 1964, 92 min., 16mm  
Shown in the 1993 season

Donald Bogle, a film historian, calls this film "One of the best black-themed films of its era" and "A quietly intense study of a black man living in the South, refusing to kowtow and suffering the consequences."

### We Love You Like a Rock-The-Dixie Hummingbirds

**The Newark Museum**  
Time: August 4, 7 pm  
Filmmaker: Ashley James and Ray Allen 1994, 77min.  
Video Documentary Winner, 1995

A fascinating look behind the scenes with the Dixie Hummingbirds who have been one of the most important groups in gospel and a major influence in the development of American pop music and R&B.

## We Ought To Be In Movies

### BET announces third annual Pan-African Film Festival

**ENGLEWOOD** — Due to its success and critical acclaim the past two years, BET Movies/STAR2! (BET Movies), the Black movie channel has announced that it will once again feature award-winning films from Africa and the African Diaspora for its third Annual Pan-African Film Festival.

The festival, airing every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. (ET/PT) throughout July and August 1999, will consist of nine films. Returns to host is acclaimed actress CCH Pounder (Funny Valentines, Millennium, ER).

BET Movies has secured the rights to nine films for this year's festival:

- Dancehall Queen (Jamaica)
- Faraw! Mother of the Dunes Mail (Senegal)
- To Be (Senegal)
- The Eleventh Commandment (France)

- Identity Pieces (Congo)
- Who Killed Pixote? (Brazil)
- Speak Like A Child (United Kingdom)

- Bitter Love (Guadeloupe)
- Windward (Burkina Faso)

In Dancehall Queen, single mother Marcus (Audrey Reid) works as a street vendor to support her two daughters. Unfortunately, she also needs the financial help of "Uncle" Larry (Carl Davis), who demands repayment in the form of sex with Marcus's teenage daughter Tanya. After Marcus's vending stall is threatened by the loca thug, she devises a retaliatory plan.

In Faraw! Mother of the Dunes, comical and tragic negative effects of European settlers on native African cultures while telling the inspiring tale of a woman determined to forge a better life for herself and her family.

From Senegal comes the intriguing film To Be, a home movie bus service, driven by the popular Matata Bus, between Dakar, Senegal and Conakry, Guinea.

Before setting off, Rambo and his passengers are warned that the trip may be dangerous because the Bassari have revolutionized the Guinean border.

The Eleventh Commandment is a contemporary novella drama set in Paris that revolves around a mysterious tie between a British French man and the troubled young man of mixed race who is following him.



Acclaimed actress CCH Pounder returns to host BET Movies/STAR2! Third Annual Pan-African Film Festival airing every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. (ET/PT) through the months of July and August 1999.

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Identities, disillusionment and segregation are the main themes of the award-winning detective comedy, Identity Pieces

Man Kongo (Gerard Esomu), an aging

Zairian King, resolves to search for his daughter Mwana (Dominique Meza).

In 1980, impoverished working-class child actor Fernanda Ramos Da Silva became the darling of Brazilian cinema after starring in the internationally acclaimed Pixote, a wrenching look at the plight of Rio de Janeiro street urchins following the 1980 World Cup.

With such an auspicious debut, a great career for Ramos Da Silva seemed inevitable. Unfortunately, fate and the rigidity of Brazil's social stratus had other, more tragic plans.

The Big, Wet Kissed Pixote? tells his sorrowful tale and follows the grim sequence of events that led to his brutal, controversial murder by the police.

Lyrical and poignant, Speak Like A Child explores the unique bond of friend-

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ship between three troubled teenagers.

From the tiny West African republic of Burkina Faso comes the modern dramatic comedy Whirlwind.

The film takes a frank and controversial look at the exiled Lebanese family's involvement in the economic and personal corruption taking place in an unnamed West African country.

Bitter Sugar uses the device of a trial to reexamine the legendary figure of Ignatius J. Loyola, a Guadeloupe who fought Napoleon's armies to end slavery on this Caribbean island.

In creating this surreal "court of history," Guadeloupe-born filmmaker Christyan Lara gives us a version of history that is not solely the account of the viceroy.

### Sundance acquires rights to the debut of Drylongso

**NEW YORK** — Sundance Channel, the premiere television destination for the best in new independent film, announced that it has acquired exclusive pay television rights to Caulleen Smith's feature film debut, the vibrant and naturalistic drama, Drylongso.

Drylongso is a traditional African American term, meaning "ordinary" or "same old thing." The film follows the everyday life of Prole (Toby Smith), a bright, talented and strong-willed college photography student.

Prole is offered the requirements of a 35mm class project, choosing instead to take hundreds of Polaroids of young African-American men, whom she sees as an endangered species.

She meets and befriends Bob (April Barnatt), an affluent young woman who responds to her ex-boyfriend's physical abuse by disguising herself as a boy. Gravely, Prole's outlook on young, rural violence and death grows deeper, a shift that is reflected in her photo project, which evolves into an installation that brings her neighborhood together.

In addition to Drylongso as the centerpiece of the festival, high highlights include:

■ A rare showing of Charles Burnett's seminal 1977 classic *Killer of Sheep*, the television premiere of St. Clair Bourne's documentary *John Henrik Clarke*.

■ A Great and Mighty Walk, narrated by Wesley Snipes.

■ Abderrahmane Sissako's militant tale from Mali, *Life On Earth*.

■ Keenan Ivory Wayans' gleeful send-up of '70s blaxploitation, *I'm Gonna Get You Suckas*.

■ Sundance Channel (www.sundancechannel.com), under the direction of Rob Redford, brings television viewers the best of new independent features, as well as documentaries, shorts, animation and international cinema, running cut and commercial-free 24 hours a day.

Sundance Channel operates independently of the non-profit Sundance Institute and the Sundance Film Festival, but shares the Sundance mission of supporting independent artists.



Drylongso (above and upper right) will make its world premiere on the Channel on Friday, August 6, 1999, at 9:00 PM, as part of Sundance Channel's month long celebration of African and African-American filmmakers. "Representing Soul" Drylongso was directed, produced and edited by Caulleen Smith, who co-wrote the screenplay with Salim Ali. It stars Toby Smith, April Barnatt and Will Power.

Life on Earth (lower right), Aberrahmane Sissako's documentary film explores how the residents of a tiny Malian village mark the eve of the millennium. Life on Earth will make its premiere on Friday, August 13 at 9:00 pm ET/PT and will also air on Monday, August 23 at 11:00 pm ET/PT.

#### 25TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN EVENT

#### MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

"Families that play together stay together"

JULY 21, 2:5 PM-11 PM  
JULY 23, 2:45 AM-11 PM  
JULY 25, 11 AM-6 PM

441 Animals & Activities • Home & Garden Tent • NBHA sanctioned Barrel Racing  
Petting Zoo • Pig Races • Hot Air Balloon/Faces  
Amusement Rides (\$10.00 wristbands on Fri. & Sat. 8-11am • 5pm, weather permitting)

#### FREE ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING -

Saturday Nite Foyer, July 21 - 6:30pm & 8:30pm

Let's Make a Deal on the Road Game Show, July 22 - 8:15pm

The Verdict, July 23 - 8:30pm • New Power Soul, July 24 - 8pm

Buggrass Festival July 25 - 12:30pm

Admission \$4.00 • Children 12 & Under Free

Five-Day Tickets \$12.00 (Advance sale only, call 973/842-4000 ext. 1)

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### African Heritage Movie Network



Photo by Andre B. Murray  
The African Heritage Movie Network's hosts Ossie Davis (seated) and Ruby Dee (standing), are celebrating over fifty years of marriage. The African Heritage Movie Network is the only syndicated monthly movie series in television history which focuses on movies featuring African-American actors, producers and directors. The African Heritage Network airs in 92 markets across the country.

**Billboard**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

MONTCLAIR — Summerfest Theater, Inc. presents the adaptation of the classic Hans Christian Andersen story "The Emperor's New Clothes." *Wells Arts Center*, 1 p.m. (973) 259-5576.

NEWARK — The Newark Black Film Festival will be held on July 17 with a salute to filmmaker Spike Lee and the showing of "Do The Right Thing." 7 p.m. (973) 566-8550.

NEW YORK — Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. presents blues singer Marva Wright and Henry Singlet, part of Lincoln Center's Mid-summer Nights Swing. 6:30 p.m. (212) 675-5000.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

MONTCLAIR — Broadway on the Hill presents the Tony Award-winning musical "Bartram," part of Theaterfest '99 at the New Jersey State Theater on the campus of Montclair State University. 8 p.m. (973) 655-5112.

NEW YORK — The Film Society of Lincoln Center and the Independent Feature Project presents writer/director Diamond Halls' feature film "A Day in Black and White." *Walter Reade Theater*, 8:30 p.m. (212) 675-6800.

ENGLEWOOD — The John Harris Arts Center presents playwright Angela Lanza's new play "The Last Stand." 8 p.m. (201) 587-3890.

VERONA — "Bassoon Party System" presents Big Band Night featuring The Nelson Riddle Orchestra at Verona Park, part of Essex County Park System's Free Summer Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. (973) 258-3500.

NEWARK — The Essex County Park System presents "Jazz Under the Stars" at the Tropicana. The concert is part of Essex County Park System's Free Summer Concert Series. *Valleyburg Park*, 7:30 p.m. (973) 258-3500.

NEWARK — Rutgers University Jazz Research Roundtable Future Jazz: The Present, Then and Now 7-8 p.m. *Dana Library* at Rutgers Newark, 185 University Avenue. For information call (973) 353-5100.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

NEWARK — Newark Public Library, Sensational Poetry Series, 5 Washington Street, 11 a.m. For information call 733-7795.

ENGLEWOOD — The John Harris Arts Center presents "The Platters and The Drifters." 8 p.m. (201) 587-3800.

WATCHING — The Watching Arts Center presents rock singer Rick Pallen. 8 p.m. (908) 755-9190.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

NEWARK — Newark Black Film Festival 25th Anniversary Celebration Film To Be Announced. 7 p.m. *Billy Johnson Auditorium*. For information (973) 595-7275 for time and information.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

QUEENS, NY — *Plus Arts* Productions presents "A Day At The Arts Festival" at Ocean Theatre in the Deaf Center, 2000 Flushing Meadow-Corona Park. Call (212) 594-7275 for time and information.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

NEWARK — Newark Community Corporation, Priory Jazz Series, 7-11 p.m. For information 639-7848.

NEW YORK — Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. presents the 10th Anniversary of the Deaf Center Deaf Dance featuring the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. Part of Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing Series. 6:30 p.m. (212) 675-5000.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

SAYREVILLE — Club Bene presents legendary R&B group The Stylistics. 9 p.m. (732) 727-3000.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

WAYNE — Wayne Palermo University presents five concerts by the William Palermo Summer Chor at the Shea Center. 7:30 p.m. (973) 723-2986.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

BROOKLYN, NY — The Brooklyn Academy of Music and the City Parks Foundation presents the legendary R&B group The Barkays. Part of Concerts in the Parks. *Fort Greene Park*, 7 p.m. (718) 636-4111.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

ENGLEWOOD — The John Harris Arts Center presents legendary singer Dionne Warwick. 8 p.m. (201) 567-3800.

LITTLE FALLS — Summerfest Theater, Inc. presents the play "Just So Stories." *Wells Arts Center*, 1 p.m. (973) 256-0276.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

BLOOMFIELD — The Essex County Park System presents the jazz legend Chuck Mangione, part of Essex County Parks' Free Summer Concert Series. *Broaddale Park*, 7:30 p.m. (973) 288-3500.

NEWARK — Dept. of Neighborhood & Recreational Services, Friday Evening Swings! Outdoor Dance Picnic & Concert. 5:30-8 p.m., Washington Park (between Washington & Broad Street). For information call (973) 733-6844.

NEWARK — New Community Corporation — Priory Jazz Series 7-11 p.m. For information call (973) 689-7948.

**Essex County's Free Summer Concert Series**

Chuck Mangione

July 25 3:00 p.m.

New Jersey's Own Gospel Parade of Stars  
Weequahic Park  
"Special Attraction" Chuck Mangione

August 3 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars featuring: The

Richard Banks Quartet

Weequahic Park

Three Decades of Musical Magic featuring:  
Smooth & The Duprees

Brookdale Park

The Nicholas Martini Foundation presents:  
The Garden State Concert Band

Brookdale Park

U.S. Army States Military Academy Concert  
Band

Verona Park

Contemporary Pop Night featuring: Eddy  
D' & Thriller

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Night of Nostalgia featuring: Magic  
Moments & Johnny Maestro & The

Brooklyn Bridge

Jump, Jive & Walk with New Power Soul &  
Shirley Alston Reeves (Former Lead Singer  
of the Shirelles)

Brookdale Park

Jazz Under the Stars featuring: Rasheema  
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September 3 7:30 p.m.

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# JOB!! JOBS!! JOBS!!

## Resume Writing and Job Interviewing Techniques

**CRAFORD**—There's still a second chance to take gain knowledge of specialized resume writing and job interview techniques this summer through Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services. To accommodate persons with busy employment and vacation schedules, the College will re-offer the popular workshops during late July and early August.

With employment prospects still promising in most industries, the single-session seminars are designed for persons who wish to upgrade their status in a chosen field, as well as for those who look

to start an entirely new career path. The seminars are practically oriented and provide participants with significant opportunity to address their own personal concerns. Considerable dialogue will be featured, plus some role playing as time permits.

"Make Your Resume Work for You" will enable students to discover the rationale behind effective resume writing and how it can be worked to the individual's advantage. The class will review the mechanics of writing a resume and cover letter that are clear, concise, and highlight one's individuality. Participants will learn to balance marketability with accuracy,

gain some tips on making a resume "scannable" for employers who rely on computerized screening, and become familiar with the dos and don'ts of good editing practices, layout, and professional printing strategies. The College will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, July 26 at its Cranford Campus.

"Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will enable participants to develop strategic selling skills for the employment marketplace. They will learn techniques to prepare effectively for the job interview, which can help ease the stress of the experience and equip them with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact. Participants will learn to conduct preliminary research, the importance of networking, handling "trick" questions, types of questions the interviewee needs to ask, negotiating for the salary, and how to close the interview to one's advantage. The College will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, August 2 at its Cranford Campus.

Those interested in further information should call the College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### ACCOUNTANTS

Trenton, NJ - Staff Accountant to provide full-cycle accounting services & financial reporting for various programs, projects & interagency agreements. Bachelor's degree, major in accounting, CPA or MBA, or pursuit of same. Must have 2 years of accounting, private or public accounting, proficiency in Word Perfect, Lotus 123 for Windows & computerized accounting software. Must have the ability to research technical issue in CPS & FASB pronouncements & report findings. Salary: Negotiable. Contact: Diane Zappone, PO Box 990, Trenton, NJ 08625 (609) 292-0063

### AIRCRAFT OPPORTUNITIES

#### DIESEL MECHANIC

Newark Int'l. Airport, Commercial mechanics with diesel & gas exp. must have a valid drivers license, legal right to work in USA, 10 yr. verifiable background, no felonies. Applications can be submitted via fax, screen & background check. Starting salary: \$10.00 + pd. Training, holidays & vacations. Contact: OODET Aviation, Dabu Joyner at 973-361-3699

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### ARCHITECTS

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Paterson, NJ 2 to 5 yrs exp. Salary: DOE Contact: A-1 Resources, Richard Hines, 91 West Ave. Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876, 908-875-1756, fax: 908-572-8464

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Newark, NJ - Service center can for customers. Must be able to work in a fast paced environment. 9-5 legal driving exp. satisfactory driving history must be able to work nights, days, evenings & weekends - willing to work overtime & weekends. Part time position. Starting salary: \$7.45 hr. Candidates may apply in person at Herz Rent-A-Car, Employee Relations, 1000 Morris Avenue, Newark, NJ 07105. Herz, Newark, NJ. Fr. 8-5

#### PART-TIME BUS OPERATOR

Various locations - Must be 21 years old, have 3 yrs driving exp. with less than 5 points on the license & a good driving record. applicants must be able to work evenings & weekends - willing to work evenings & weekends. Starting salary: \$11.30 per hr. after training (minimum 20 hours training). Send us fax resume to: NJ Transit, Attn: Employee Resources, PTCO 180, Boydton Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040, fax (973) 378-6461

### BANKING

#### FINANCE OFFICER (BANKING)

Trenton, NJ - Develop & present financials for financial assistance in the form of taxable or tax-exempt bonds. Has a thorough understanding of IRS procedures, regulations, and tax laws. Must have a degree from an accredited college or university with emphasis in finance, business admin, economics, or closely related field. Must have 5 yrs exp. in financial exp. & exp. in federal, state or local economic development organizations or corporations. Preferably, 2 yrs exp. in banking. Must be able to demonstrate thorough knowledge of all E&D programs, especially bond financing, & the ability to present financials in a clear, concise, organized & convincing manner. Must be able to communicate effectively both verbally & written. Must be a dedicated professional. We have the ability to handle heavy workloads & meet strict deadlines. Salary: Negotiable. Contact: PO Box 990, Trenton, NJ 08625 (609) 292-0063

### CIVIL SERVICE

#### 1999 FIRE FIGHTER OPPORTUNITIES

NJ - Department of Personnel, Apparatus & Equipment for Fire Fighters. Fire Fighter - NJ State Fire Marshal's Office, NJ 07094 for 85 New Jersey municipalities including:

Atlantic City & Camden City - East Orange - Elizabeth Hoboken - Jersey City - New Brunswick - Newark Passaic City - Paterson - Pleasant Hill - Trenton

#### Fire Fighter

(Emergency Services Department) Open to Dislocated City Residents. Applications are available at many Fire Departments, Public Libraries

#### N.J. Employment Officer

One can visit www.state.nj.us/personnel August 20, 1999 is the last day for filing an application. The State of New Jersey is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### DATA ENTRY

Telecommunications company in the Wayne, NJ area has immediate openings for data entry. All individuals must have fast & accurate keypunch & be flexible to work some evenings & weekends. Call today & work tomorrow! 732-494-6900

**DATA ENTRY** Check Encoding - Receptionist Major appearance & communication skills. Must be able to type 40 wpm. Applications to: All Intergo Services today. College students welcome. Call Susan/Amy at 201-712-1414 or fax resume to: 201-712-0778

### HOTELS

Newark Airport, NJ - Seeking the following: -Costal Server. -friendly outgoing, previous costal or serving exp. a plus. Must be able to work weekends.

**Front Desk S.A.** - Individual with strong hospitality & communication skills. Must be able to work nights & weekends. Looking for a team player. Must be able to fit into 40 hrs. When they work as a ballman 1 overtime per week. We are looking for a full time employee.

**Housekeeping S.A.** - Individual with strong communication skills, must be able to give prompt, courteous service to all our customers, including cleaning their rooms & making their beds. We are looking for a full time employee.

**Loss Prevention** - individual must have CPR & First Aid Certification. Must portray a professional appearance & be able to work evenings & weekends. Part time position.

**Station Attendant** - Must have salesmanship experience, player, & be able to propose exp. Thinking of going into sales, but need to start with a part time job.

**Parking Booth Attendant** - Individual must have some cashier exp. friendly, hospitable & must be able to work evenings & weekends. We are looking for a full time employee.

**Waitress** - Individual with strong communication skills, able to work in a fast pace restaurant, can work under pressure. We need someone that can balance work & personal life. Must be able to work evenings & weekends. Part time position.

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# CITY SPORTS

June 30 — July 6, 1999

## NBA Scoop

**ED Butler:**  
New Jersey's  
main eye for  
hoops talent

If you got a chance to attend last summer's ABCD high school all-star basketball camp, it would be difficult not to notice the legions of scouts, talent evaluators, and prep experts in attendance. They

were real easy to spot since they're the guys who show up every day, plainly dressed in dark shirts and trousers, the university's insignia printed all over them, scribbling copious notes into their dog eared notebooks. It's hard not to respect these guys. They show up early, work long hours, and perform an invaluable service for the many colleges and universities who rely on their services.

Butler is worth noting that there's one other characteristic which most of the country's most well-known scouts share: they're white.

It's no secret that despite the dominance of African American athletes on the fields and the courts of the college and professional ranks, black folks have struggled mightily to secure a place in the ranks of scouts in the sports industry. A survey of the high school talent evaluation ranks reveals that the general lack of respect for the judgments and analytical skills of African Americans in the sporting world extends to the entire community of geniuses who fashion themselves as prep basketball talent experts.

Orange's Ed Butler has in many regards torn down many of the perceptual and physical barriers which have inhibited black talent evaluators from being taken seriously by college coaches, athletic directors and industry new services. Butler, the proprietor of the ABCD scouting service based in East Orange, has for the last 20 years administered a service which has come to be followed by many coaches across the country, and athletes who otherwise may have been overlooked by those coaches were it not for the camp. Butler's annual camp, which is held every summer, provides a showcase for players who may have a variety of academic problems, lack of exposure, late bloomers, etc. but don't get an opportunity to impress scouts during their regular seasons. Over the past several years, it's become a final pit stop for coaches on the recruiting trail, and a place for scholarship or two who are in search of the proverbial diamond in the rough.

Butler estimates that he has helped well over 1500 players gain entry into colleges, and at least one former camp alumnus, Derrick Alston, made it all the way to the NBA where he played a couple of seasons for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Butler a product of Orange, played basketball at Orange High School where as a senior, he played on a team which was ranked #1 in New Jersey. After High School, Butler came to St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens where he was a member of that school's basketball program. While there, Butler developed close ties with the St. John's coaching staff, which eventually led to him being selected as a New Jersey talent on an informal basis. Butler was so effective that then St. John's assistant coach Carmine Calzonetti suggested he start a recruiting service and the rest is well, history.

After a stint in high school players get to the next level, Butler's first success story occurred in 1979 and involved a 6-9 point guard named Robert Cole. Though Cole enjoyed a very successful senior year and was invited to several All-American games, he had not received any serious scholarship offers. With the help of Butler, Cole eventually landed at Long Island University where he went on to become that school's all-time leading scorer.

The next time you attend an important high school basketball game, keep a watchful eye on the melanin deficient crowd of clipboard holding scouts in attendance. However, if you look even closer, you'll probably notice a few black clipboard holding scouts in the crowd. They are the ones to look for hidden talent. I'll give you a 2-1 odds that the lone scowl will no doubt be Orange's own Edward Butler.

## Nets HoopZone back in full force

**EAST RUTHERFORD** The New Jersey Nets HoopZone continues its 1999 summer tour making stops throughout New Jersey and the metropolitan area. The HoopZone, a traveling interactive basketball experience, provides fun for all ages through interactive displays and activities. Fans can practice their jump shot at two regulation size basketball hoops, dunk a basketball in the inflatable "Dunk Pit," bounce around in Sly's Den or see how you "Measure Up" to life-sized photos of Jason Williams, Stephon Marbury and Keith Van Horn. For more information on the New Jersey Nets HoopZone, please contact the Nets Public Relations Department at 201-655-5187.

### NJ Nets HoopZone Summer Tour

July 14

Ridgefield Summer Camp, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Ridgefield, NJ

July 15

Kindercare Learning Center, 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Old Tappan, NJ

July 16

Memorial BBall Tournament, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Plainfield, NJ

July 17

3rd Ann. Village Family Gathering, 11:30am - 3:30pm  
East Orange, NJ

July 20

Boys & Girls Club of Wayne, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Wayne, NJ

July 21

July Fest, 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Elizabeth, NJ

July 23

FUNTASIA, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Lakewood, NJ

July 24

Jenkinson's Pavilion, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Point Pleasant, NJ

July 27

Paramus Summer Camp, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Paramus, NJ

July 29

Montclair State University B-Ball Camp 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Upper Montclair, NJ

July 30

Jersey City Youth Summer Basketball Program 4 p.m. 8 p.m.  
Jersey City, NJ

July 31

Celebrity Charity B-Ball, 3 p.m. 5 p.m.  
Teaneck, NJ

### What's on tap?

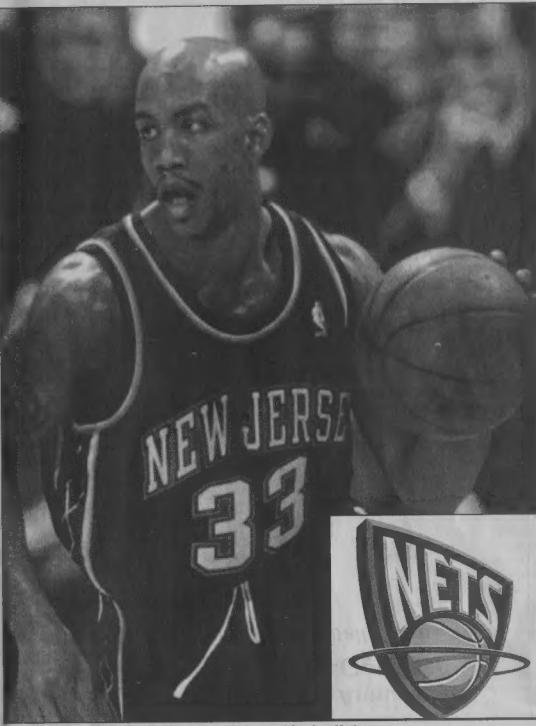
Newark won't be the only place holding basketball camps. Here's a list of sites in the area for kids to live their dream.

**LAWRENCEVILLE** — Don Harnum's Net Results Basketball Camp takes place at Rider University. The camp is offered to boys 8 to 18. Open Week I begins July 15-22. Open Week II runs from July 25-30. Cost \$125. Call (609) 896-3076 for information.

**WEST ORANGE/MADISON** — Roger Kindt's & Bob Belcourt's The Fundamental Basketball Camp. The camp will be open to boys and girls 6-16. The camp is held at Parleigh Dickinson University on July 5-9, July 12-16 and July 26-30 at West Orange High School. Call (973) 984-8129 for information.

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## Once Again...It's ON!!

The 3rd Annual  
George "Gee-Gee" Brown  
Memorial Basketball Tournament



July 15 - July 18, 1999

at  
The Madison Avenue Basketball Court  
Corner of E. Second St. & Madison Ave.  
Plainfield, NJ (Adjacent to McDonalds)



### GAME TIMES

Thursday, July 15 at 4 p.m.  
Friday, July 16 (NJ Nets Hoop Zone)  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. games begin at 4 p.m.  
Saturday, July 17 at 12 noon  
Sunday, July 18 at 1 p.m.

Please Come In Peace or Don't Come At All!!  
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Coors Light Presents...  
The George "Gee-Gee" Brown  
Memorial Basketball Tournament

V.I.P. After-Party

\* Saturday, July 17, 1999 \* A host of Current & Former NBA & NFL athletes invited \* Club "SHOUT" 116 Watchung Ave., Plfd, NJ \* Music by "DJ Don Juan" \* Party Begins at 9 pm \* Complimentary buffet until 10:30 pm \* Police Security \* \$10.00 in advance \* 23 & older \* Proper Attire & ID Required \* Come In Peace